

January 17, 2003

HAND DELIVER

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company, D.T.E. 02-81

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find of the responses of The Berkshire Gas Company to the First Set of Information Requests of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy.

Please call me if you require further assistance with respect to these matters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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